

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2014

The Arcadia Lakes Town Council met Thursday, March 6th at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro Tem Don Davis; Council Members: Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Rusty Onley. Also attending were Town Attorney Charles Cook, Town Clerk Christine Murphy, Deputy Margaret Fisher, and Captain Cole Porter. Town residents attending were Joan Jowers, Bernie Gaudi, and Steve Brown.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Margaret Fisher reported that there had been no incidents reported for the month for Arcadia Lakes. Mayor Huguley thanked Deputy Fisher for the good job conducting the Town's Crime Watch meeting on February 24th. There were around 75 residents attending, Mayor Huguley said. Deputy Fisher reported that Deputy John Hawkes would be working for the Town a couple of days a week, when she will not be able to work. Major Luther, with the Sheriff's Department, who has retired from the highway patrol, said that the legal speed limit on Arcadia Lakes Drive is 30 mph. Major Luther had told Deputy Fisher that he would be glad to talk with traffic officials at DOT about the legal speed. After discussion, Mayor Huguley said he will facilitate the meeting between them.

GILLS CREEK WATERSHED: Mr. Bernie Gaudi reported that the Gills Creek Watershed Association is having a fund raising event called "Wine for Water" on April 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Senate's End, 300 Senate Street. Mayor Huguley said he would like to add it to an Events site on the Web page.

FEBRUARY MINUTES: Mayor Huguley asked if there were corrections or additions to the February minutes. Ms. Jackson moved that the minutes be approved as received; Mr. Onley seconded the motion, which was approved.

STREET LIGHTING: Mr. Don Davis said that it appeared that since we have a Franchise Agreement with SCE&G, that a signed contract for street light improvements will not be necessary. He said that he would work with Christine tomorrow and e-mail SCE&G representative Kelly Arms about going ahead with the street light additions in the Town.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mayor Huguley reported that the Planning Commission voted at their February 19th meeting to delete the sentence on page 33 of the Comprehensive Plan that states; “The winding nature of Arcadia Lakes Drive serves to reduce traffic speeds.” Council members accepted the deletion decision.

SPEED DISPLAY : Mr . Peter Chesney and Mayor Mark Huguley had met with DOT representative. The site that they had requested an encroachment permit for is not in the right-of-way, which means that a permit is not needed. DOT still requires that the speed display and pole will comply with their regulations; mainly that it will be a break-away pole, Mayor Huguley said. The speed device has to meet certain requirements. They have indicated that they will give us the go-ahead in concept once we tell them who the manufacturer of the device will be. There are two vendors that appear to be consistent with what they have been talking about, and comply with what DOT wants. Mayor Huguley said he anticipates that at council’s next meeting he will have in hand an agreement in concept from DOT. At that point he said they will be requesting that council authorize the procurement of the device.

Mayor Huguley reported that the Arcadia Lakes Drive Speed Display Sign has been repaired, and should be re-installed soon.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mayor Huguley reported that there have been reports of a number of residents with loose debris in front of their homes for Ronnie Yandle. Cards have been printed up to remind people that they must be bagged or put in containers, he said. Attorney Cook said that containers that are left out after pickup should be put up also.

CHARENTE: Mr. Chesney showed the Charente that was made in 2008, showing improvement suggestions for the Town , such as medians, fences, flowers, pavers, etc. Mr. Chesney said he is meeting with landscaper tomorrow, and driving him around Town for ideas. He discussed the possibility of a median in the middle of Trenholm Road, with flowers and shrubs. Attorney Cook said that Hospitality funds could be used for Improvements. Further discussion was held. Ms. Jackson said that the corner of Arcadia Lakes Drive and Trenholm Road (Cadle’s) really needs to be cleaned up, beautified, and have a walkway through it

Mayor Huguley said they had looked into available C funds with DOT for walkways and sidewalks. There were none available at the present time.

TOWN PICNIC: Christine reported that requests have been received to change the Town picnic back to a Sunday in October. Council members agreed.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Mr. Gaudi reported that the Arcadia Woods Lake Association members are still waiting on a report from Dan Creed concerning the survey he had completed on the lake area.
